

96 AD-180 AD

The Antonines "five good emperors" .  
An end to autocracy and a return to the  
Augustan principle of administration of  
equals - emperor and senate - characterized  
the rule of the Antonine emperors, under  
whom the Empire reached the height of its  
prosperity and power.

96-98 AD

NERVA

The Senate chose the next ruler from its own number; and that emperor with his four successors governed in harmony with it. These princes are known as the 5 good emperors. The 1<sup>st</sup> of the 5 was NERVA, an aged senator of Spanish descent, who died after a kindly rule of 16 months.

96AD-98AD

Nerva emperor

96-98 AD  
reigned

born C 30 died 98

Nerva was elected by the Senate  
He adopted as his successor the great  
soldier TRAJAN.